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SUBJECT: RULES OF ORIGIN IN EC/ EFTA NON- OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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1. WEISER OF DEPT INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE INFORMED US MAY 29 THAT CANADIAN MISSIONS IN BRUSSELS (EEC) AND SCANDINAVIAN CPITALS WILL MAKE LOW KEY REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS THIS WEEK ON PROBLEMS EC/ EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN RAISE FOR CANADIAN EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (CORDUROY) AND NON- FERROUS METALS (COPPER INGOT) DESTINED FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AND REEXPORT FROM EFTA COUNTRIES. MEANWHILE, WEISER SAID, GOC DELEGATION TO CURRENT GENEVA TALKS OF GATT WORKING PARTIES ON EEC- EFTA AGREEMENTS INSTRUCTED TO RAISE RULES OF ORIGIN AS EXAMPLE OF SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS RAISED BY AGREEMENTS.
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2. WEISER VIEWED GOC AND USG APPROACHES AS " QUITE PARALLEL." SAID SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS EARLIER HAD APPROVED THREE STAGE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS OF RULES OF ORIGIN: (A) LOW KEY REPRESENTATIONS TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS ON BASIS OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, (B) THIS FAILING GATT REPRESENTATION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV (5) AND FINALLY (C) NOTIFICATION UNDER GATT OF RULES OF ORIGIN AS NTB' S. NOW, WEISER SAID, IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGES (A) AND (B) TO BE VIRTUALLY SIMULTANEOUS.

3. IN RESPECT TO GENERAL APPROACH IN GATT WORKING PARTIES TO QUESTION WHETHER EEC- EFTA AGREEMENTS MEET " FREE TRADE AREA" CONDITIONS OF ARTICLE XXIV (5), HOLLIDAY OF I, T AND C TOLD US GOC DELEGATION INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS DOUBT AS TO CONFORMITY, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ICELAND AND PORTUGAL AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (OTTAWA 1226), HOLLIDAY SAID DELEGATES NOT TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF LEGAL QUESTIONS. SCHMIDT

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